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Reply to Attn of: OWW-191

David B. Bowen, Section Manager
Water Quality Program
Washington Department of Ecology
1250 West Alder Street
Union Gap, Washington 98903

Re: Request for Preliminary Certification of the Draft NPDES Permit for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery, NPDES Permit Number WA0001902

Dear Mr. Bowen:

Enclosed is the preliminary draft of the NPDES permit for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery, and the fact sheet that explains the basis for the provisions included in the draft permit.

We are asking for the Washington Department of Ecology Central Regional Office to review the draft permit and provide the preliminary Clean Water Act Section 401 certification for this permit action. We will include a reference to the State's preliminary Section 401 certification in the fact sheet, and in the public notice announcement about the availability of the draft permit for review and comment. We would appreciate receipt of the preliminary Section 401 certification from your office within 30 days.

Since this preliminary draft permit is not intended for review outside of the Central Regional Office, we would appreciate your discretion in retaining it within the department.

If you have any questions on the enclosed materials, please contact Jill Nogi, of my staff, at (206) 553-1841 or nogi.jill@epa.gov. We look forward to receiving your preliminary Section 401 certification that the draft permit meets the Clean Water Act and applicable state regulations, as well as your comments on this draft permit and fact sheet.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Michael J. Lidgard", is positioned above the typed name.

Michael J. Lidgard, Manager
NPDES Permits Unit

Enclosures

Cc: Breean Zimmerman, Ecology CRO Water Quality Program